THE SENATE THE TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE **REGULAR SESSION OF 2006**

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Monday, February 6, 2006

TIME:

2:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

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SB 2961	RELATING TO HEALTH. Increases tax per cigarette to 9 cents after 1/1/2007, 11 cents after 1/1/2008, and 13 cents after 1/1/2009. Earmarks 50% of tax to Cancer Research Center, 25% to DOH health promotion and disease prevention programs, and 25% to the Hawaii tobacco prevention and control trust fund.	HTH, WAM
SB 3262	RELATING TO HEALTH. Establishes a new chapter that protects the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment, ensuring a consistent level of basic protections statewide from exposure to secondhand. Repeals chapter 328K.	НТН, JHW
SB 2097	RELATING TO SMOKING. Prohibits smoking in all areas of state airports.	HTH, TGO
SB 2027	RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES BY MINORS. Makes it an offense for any minor under the age of 18 to use any tobacco product. Makes it an offense to create or use a deceptive identification document for use by a minor to purchase tobacco or enter an age-restricted establishment.	HTH, JHW
SB 3266	RELATING TO TOBACCO. Makes it a misdemeanor for minors (persons under age 18) to possess or use tobacco products. Exempts minors when lawfully delivering tobacco products or participating in a law enforcement activity.	HTH, JHW
SB 3277	RELATING TO NURSE AIDES. Establishes certification procedures for nurse aides employed in facilities other than medicare/medicaid facilities.	НТН, СРН

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SB 2296	RELATING TO NURSES. Provides for the automatic forfeiture of a license that is not timely renewed. Provides for an inactive license status. Imposes a 2 year restoration period for forfeited (non-renewal) licenses. Adds continuing education as an alternative proof of continuing competence for nurses who wish to activate their licenses after not having practiced nursing in the US for more than 5 years.	НТН, СРН
SB 2297	RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS. Amends the definition "practice of mental health counseling" to clarify that professional counseling services are determined by the specialized education, training, and experience that a practitioner completed.	НТН, СРН
SB 2226	RELATING TO DENTISTS. Establishes a permanent community service license by repealing the sunset date.	НТН, СРН
SB 3261	RELATING TO DENTAL SPECIALISTS. Authorizes the licensure by credentials of dental specialists who are licensed in another state.	НТН, СРН
SB 3135	RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Alters composition and appointment of HHSC board membership by having the governor appoint 6 members – 3 each from a list of 9 candidates submitted by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives, respectively, for a total 18 candidates for 6 member positions.	HTH, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

Chair

